



THE WHISTLE STOP



TROUTMAN CANDIDATES' FORUM

Meet the candidates running for election for the Troutman Board of Aldermen and hear their views on issues affecting the Town. Six residents have filed to run for three positions on the Town Board.

Date: **Thurs., October 24**

Time: **7 pm**

Location: **Town Hall**



All candidates will give opening remarks after which they will answer questions relating to the town and its governance. Questions may be submitted by the audience.

The Forum is sponsored by the Troutman Area Business Council.

Election Day: Nov. 5

Every vote matters. As a Troutman resident, your vote is an opportunity to have a voice in important issues that affect our community. *Early voting begins Oct. 17, 2013.*

For information on voting, please contact the Iredell County Board of Elections at 704-878-3140 or visit <http://www.co.iredell.nc.us/Departments/Elections/>



The Town of Troutman Parks and Recreation Committee has announced the date

for our second annual Sprint into Spring: Troutman Parks & Rec 5K. The run will take place on **Saturday, March 1, 2014.**

Pre-registration is \$25 for 5K Run/Walk and \$10 for Family Fun Run. All participants who pre-register by February 14th will receive a t-shirt. If you are not a runner but would like to participate, please join us and support the event by volunteering. Please email sprintintospring5k@gmail.com to sign up. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt. Want to see your logo on the t-shirt? Email us to inquire about sponsorship opportunities.

Pre-registration information is available online at www.townoftroutman.org/5k. Follow us on Facebook at "Sprint into Spring: Troutman Parks & Rec 5K."

Contact Carrie (704-576-4018) or Andrea (540-998-9055) with questions or for more information.

A PIECE OF OUR PARK:

TRAILS AND TREATS REVEAL

Date: Thurs., October 31st (Halloween)

Time: 4:00 pm ~ Ribbon Cutting,

4:30-6:30 pm ~ Trails and Treats

Ribbon cutting ceremony for the walking trail and nature trail will be held at 4:00pm at Troutman ESC Park (338 North Ave) followed by trick or treating along the ¼ mile paved walking trail. The Troutman Parks and Recreation Committee will distribute free cloth trick or treat bags while supplies last.

The walking trail was funded by the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF). The nature trail was constructed by the Troutman Rotary Club.



SPOOKTACULAR BUSINESSES & CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Please help us make "Trails and Treats" a success by passing out treats, donating treats, and/or providing money for the purchase of treats. Businesses and civic organizations are encouraged to dress in costumes and set up a festive booth (table with pumpkins, witch's brew, etc.) to pass out candy, stickers, pencils, and other treats. There is no fee to participate, just let us know you are coming by **October 24th**. Contact Erika Martin at emartin@townoftroutman.org or 704-508-3012.



TROUTMAN ESC PARK UPDATE

The nature trail has been carved out thanks to the Troutman Rotary Club, the walking trail has been paved with plans to add fitness stations at a later date, and children are enjoying the playground and far end of the park for soccer games and practices (the Bermuda grass on the central field is growing and will be ready for play next season). The Parks and Recreation Committee is working hard to fine tune many details of the park; such as, the location of trees, benches, trash receptacles, signage, and dog park fencing. We asked you in July to let us know what three amenities you would most like to see as part of Phase 2 of Troutman ESC Park. Results are below (93 participants) and will be used by the Town to develop future phases; however, before we can move on to Phase 2 we really need your assistance to build the picnic pavilion and restrooms. If you are interested in helping to raise funds, please contact Town Hall at 704-528-7600 or emartin@townoftroutman.org.

1. Splashpad/Sprayground (56%)
2. Walking Track Around the Soccer Field (39%)
3. Playground Climbing Equipment (27%)
4. Softball/Baseball Fields (26%)
5. Other* (26%)
6. Amphitheatre (23%)

7. Exercise Stations on the Walking Trail (20%)
8. Tennis Court (18%)
9. Basketball Court (16%)
10. Disk/Frisbee Golf (9%)
11. Horse Shoe Pits (8%)
12. Volleyball Court (5%)



**Dog park was the primary "Other" response. A dog park is planned for Phase 1 with materials and labor generously donated by Michael Spath, David Kennedy, and Wes Edmiston.*

OPERATION MEDICINE DROP

Bring unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medicines to this TAKE-BACK EVENT sponsored by the Troutman Police Department.

Date: **Sat., October 26**

Time: **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Location: **Kerr Drug; 533 N. Main St.**

Contact: Lt. Loudermilt or Lt. Payne at 704-528-7610 for additional information.



RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

Date: **Mon., October 21**

Time: **10 am - 2 pm**

Location: **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 225 Morgan Street**





SOUTHEAST'S SHAKEOUT DRILL

The Great Southeast ShakeOut is a day of special events featuring the largest earthquake drill ever, organized to inspire Southeasterners to prepare for big earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine what our lives will be like afterwards. The ShakeOut drill will occur in houses, businesses, and public spaces at **10:17 am on October 17, 2013.**



THE TOWN'S GRASS ORDINANCES:

Grass height may not exceed 18 inches. Also, please remember to blow or sweep your grass clippings off of streets and sidewalks. Yard debris, including grass and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and leaves, is a significant source of storm water pollution. This debris can cause flooding by clogging culverts, storm drains, and pipes. Thank you for keeping our Town attractive and for being a good steward of our community's resources.

TOWN OF TROUTMAN MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mayor

Elbert H. Richardson

Board of Aldermen

J.T. Jablonski ~ Jason Major
Curt Rogers ~ Betty Jean Troutman
Mike Spath, Mayor Pro-Tem

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Agenda Briefing for Town Board Meeting	Mon. Oct. 7 4:30 pm
Technical Review Committee	Thurs. Oct. 10 10:00 am
Town Board Meeting	Thurs. Oct. 10 7:00 pm
Land Use Committee	Thurs. Oct. 17 7:00 pm
Parks & Rec. Meeting	Mon. Oct. 28 4:00 pm
Planning & Zoning Board	Tues. Oct. 22 7:00 pm

**All Town meetings are open to the public and are held at Town Hall in the Boardroom unless noted otherwise.*

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR TOWN!



A great way to be part of our community is to serve on a Town advisory board or committee. Applications are accepted year round

and may be downloaded from the Town's website or picked up at Town Hall. No experience is necessary for most positions – just a willingness to learn about municipal services and an interest in serving the residents of Troutman.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ★ Planning and Zoning Board
- ★ Board of Adjustment
- ★ Miscellaneous & Special Events
- ★ Parks & Recreation Committee:

- Current openings

To get a detailed description of each volunteer opportunity see our website at <http://www.townoftroutman.org/townmeetings.html>



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The Town of Troutman has three Facebook pages to

"LIKE" and stay informed.

Town of Troutman Planning -

Most up-to-date information on Town Events

Town of Troutman Public Works

- At your service and keeping the Town running in not-so-obvious ways. Another option for service requests.

Troutman Police Department -

Announcements, Events, Notices and Press Releases.



LEAF AND LIMB COLLECTION GUIDELINES

The **2013-2014** fiscal year leaf & limb schedule is available on our website and at Town Hall.

Take leaves and limbs to the curb in front of your house the day **BEFORE THE FIRST COLLECTION DAY**. If they are not out before the crew comes through, they will not be picked up.

Put leaves and limbs in separate piles.

Only limbs under **4"** inches in diameter will be collected.

Limbs will not be picked up if they have been cut by professional cutters or trimmers.

DO NOT put leaves or limbs in bags.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME WITH MS. MAXINE



When: **Every Friday**

Time: **11:00 am**

Location: **Troutman Branch Library** at 215 West Church St.

Stories, a craft and more. For details call the Troutman Branch Library at 704-528-2682.

Family Fun Night at Troutman Wendy's

Bring family and friends and mention the **Library** when you order. **Troutman Friends of the Library** will receive a percentage of the proceeds. Funds raised are used for special library projects & programs.



Date: **Monday, Oct 21st**

Time: **5:00 - 8:00 PM**

Location: **Wendy's at Exit 42**



RECYCLING INFORMATION

Benfield Sanitation collects recycling on **Wednesdays** from town residences. Your pickup day is based on your garbage pickup day. If you have questions, please contact Town Hall at (704) 528-7600. ***Reminder: Set recycle carts at curb with handle facing road.**



<u>Green Week</u> (If your Garbage Day is	<u>Blue Week</u> (If your Garbage Day is
October 2	October 9
October 16	October 23
October 30	November 6
November 13	November 20



LARGE PRINT EDITIONS of *The Whistle Stop* are available for pick up at Troutman Town Hall.

LEAF & LIMB SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2013

Leaf Collection: 15

Limb Collection: 7 & 8

NOVEMBER 2013

Leaf Collection: 4 - 6 & 18 - 22

Limb Collection: 11 & 12

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